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SUBJECT: Applicant: Pien et al.
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 ELECTROCHEMICAL CELL
 Examiner: Wills, M.
 Group: 1746
 Docket No: ELECHEM-101J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2003 in the subject application. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$208.00 for four (4) additional independent claims, said four (4) additional claims in excess of twenty total claims.

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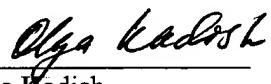


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RESPONSE

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2003 in the subject application. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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